

DASTARDLY.

Highway Robbery Followed By Rape.

A Monster Mass Meeting To Day
—A Reward of \$1,500 Offered
For the Capture of the
Fiend—A Hundred Men
on Horseback are
Scouring the
Country.

A crime was committed within the confines of Sedalia last night that withal is without parallel or precedent in the history of Pettis county. The gravity of the offense was consummate. The devilish daring required to perpetrate the damnable deed could only have existed in the breast of an arch-fiend.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor were returning homeward commenting on the happy occasion just enjoyed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, who had given a party for the entertainment of friends, that they were rudely arrested at a point in front of O. A. Crandall's residence on west Broadway by a reckless robber, who, brandishing a dirk and revolver, commanded the husband to hold up his hands.

As Mr. Taylor was unarmed, and the menacing weapons stared him in the face, no alternative was left him save to comply with the demand and quietly submit to the outrage to which he was subjected. Quickly going through his pockets the negro brute, (for his heart was so black that it darkened his hide) divested his victim of a fraction less than \$15 and a silver watch, which he scornfully returned so soon as he had ascertained its metal.

In the meantime the trembling wife, who stood hard by, with rare presence of mind removed her jewelry and cast it into the yard of the residence that fronted them. She neglected to remove her earrings however and these the robber took.

And now comes the soul-harrowing blood-curdling part of the calamity. No sooner had the highwayman robbed his victims than he stepped behind and ordered them to march down South Oage street, himself following close behind and compelling the couple to walk at a rapid gait under penalty of death.

Proceeding in the vicinity of the old M. K. & T. hospital the fiend forced the poor man and woman to bear off to the east on the commons. Pursuing this course till distance would prevent any outcry from being heard, the devil at length halted and taking a hempen cord from his pocket securely tied the husband's hands and feet and then seizing the affrighted woman dragged her away in the darkness where within a stone's throw of the spot where the husband lay writhing in impotence, the woman was raped. The deed accomplished the black brute returned the outraged wife to her husband whom he unloosed by cutting the cords that bound him with a murderous knife. Then with hideous threats of instant death should they make any attempt to call for help, the Thing of Darkness ordered the parties to flee for their homes, himself in turn vanishing in the night. Hastening frantically to the residence of William Latour at the corner of Fourth and Ohio, Dr. Evans was hurriedly summoned to attend the suffering woman who by this time was undergoing the miseries nervous prostration.

Such are the facts relating to the hideous crime.

The alarm was given the police as soon as possible and in less time than it takes to tell it, a score of infuriated men were scouring the city. Sheriff Smith, his deputies, Constable Ramsey and his men, Chief of Police Prentice and his force—these together with a hundred volunteers searched incessantly through the remainder of the night.

By two o'clock a perfect army of enraged men—fathers and brothers mad with the thought that the sex to which their mothers and wives and sisters belong had been polluted by the infamy of a black hearted demon—surged forth in all quarters of the city on a mission that has as yet proved fruitless.

The search has not lost any of its enthusiasm. Tired and worn out though they are the men are still prosecuting the hunt with undiminished vigor.

Several arrests have been made with the hope of getting a clue but in each instance has success been baffled.

A mass meeting was held at the court house at 11 o'clock. Not only was the circuit court room crowded and jammed with excited humanity but even the halls and stairways

thronged with men who strove in vain for entrance. The court room presented scenes suggestive of bedlam.

Councilman Carroll acted as chairman and addressing the crowd urged that the dignity of the law be not ignored.

The object of the meeting was to effect systematic organization and thus more surely obviate the possibility of the fiend's escape.

A motion to offer \$1,000 reward was seconded and carried in a few seconds. Then followed volunteer subscriptions which came faster than the secretary could record.

In required but a few minutes to realize even more than the necessary amount. Then followed subscriptions to the fund to be used in defraying expenses incident to the search. Five hundred dollars were contributed in a jiffy.

In the midst of the meeting a telegram was received from Mayor Stevens, now in Jefferson City, ordering the chief of police to spare no expense in the search. It was vociferously applauded. Among the subscribers to the funds were several colored men. They were greeted with shouts of applause.

By this time a committee duly authorized reported that Mr. Ira H. Sedale has been chosen as the captain of a posse of 100 men to scour the country. Then ensued a scene of the wildest confusion, the very walls ringing with shouts of approval. The meeting was informally adjourned and the hunt has begun in dead earnest.

The town is flooded with posters offering \$1,500 to the party or parties who shall effect the negro brute's capture. Public sentiment is at a tension most alarming to the conservative. It is feared that the fiend if caught will be literally torn to pieces.

Certain it is had he been captured last night he would have been killed on the spot.

It is to be hoped now that the people have had time to cool their heated passion that no violence will be indulged and that the law will be allowed to take its course, though should the dignity of the law be ignored who can declare that the act is unjustified?

The following is a copy of the circulars that have been scattered broadcast:

\$1,500 REWARD \$1,500

Will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party of the following description, who committed rape in Sedalia, about 12 o'clock on the night of February 23rd:

MULATTO, 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches in height, weight about 150 pounds, rather slender build and peaked face. When last seen wore dark clothes, black cap fit close to head with visor drawn down close over eyes.

Leather belt with scabbard and two revolvers—one of them 45-calibre—and a knife, and had \$15.00 in coin and a small pair of diamond earrings, which he had stolen.

ELLIS R. SMITH, Sheriff.

LATER.

The excitement in reference to the outrage of Tuesday night has in no wise subsided, and parties are scouring the country in all directions, and notifications have been sent to every city and village in this section. All that money and untiring vigilance can do will be done, and it is safe to say that the work being done now will not be without results. The people are most thoroughly aroused and mean business in the search for the fiend.

Mrs. Taylor, who was so brutally assaulted, is of course suffering greatly from nervous prostration, but at noon to-day was reported as some better.

Fred Robertson, John Hartshorn and Billy Payton, came in this morning looking like mud demons. They never closed their eyes last night, but traveled from the time the search began till late this morning when they again took the hunt.

Last night a squad composed of the two just mentioned and C. D. Minter, Charles McCarty, and J. W. Gilker, scoured that section of the country lying around Otterville. At 7:30 Smithton was entered and every house searched.

Each suspicious character was put through rigid examination. The same tactics were followed at Otterville, Syracuse and Tipton.

At Smithton one burley mulatto who corresponded pretty well to the description of the rapist was put under arrest.

He was brought to Sedalia this morning but soon established his identity in a satisfactory way and was released.

Robertson and several others left on the morning train for the same portion visited last night.

Pitcher's Castoria.
Children Cry for

MINISTER'S ALLIANCE.

The minister's alliance met in regular session yesterday with a full representation of members.

An excellent paper was read by Rev. Mr. Stevenson, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian church.

The meeting was visited by Rev. Mayor, of Appleton City.

The alliance appointed a committee to draft resolutions condemning the action of the World's Fair commissioners in consenting to ignore the Sabbath during the fair. Copies of these resolutions will be forwarded to Congressman Heard, with a request that he use his influence toward suppressing the evil.

LAST OF THE SERIES.

Dr. Brinley's Lectures on Genesis and Geology Concluded.

Dr. J. B. Brinley concluded the second of a series of lectures on "Genesis and Geology," at the Christian church last night.

The auditorium was crowded to its fullest capacity by the representative citizens of Sedalia.

The three geological ages were epitomized in the lecturer's discourse and stereopticon views of the animals peculiar to each respective age served to increase the interest won by the speaker throughout the lecture.

Taking the Bible and reading the account of creation, he would try and establish the compatibility between the Biblical genesis of the universe and the conclusions reached by geology.

When he read "In the beginning, etc.," the lecturer paused and quipped: "When was the 'beginning'?" echo answers "when?" Many scientists have agreed that the time covers a period of about 6,000 years but the chronological data upon which this is established is dark and doubtful.

Speaking along the line of the world's age, the lecturer gave some conception of its antiquity cited his auditors to the example furnished by a phenomenon in Montana:

"It has been conclusively proven," said he, "that Green River was once on a level with a mountain 15,000 feet high and yet to-day his heap of rock has been washed through to the bottom—15,000 feet of rock washed from top to bottom! Is it any marvel that many are of the opinion that the universe was created millions of years ago?"

Referring to the accuracy that characterizes the investigations of science in certain directions however, the lecturer related how Agassiz on one of his explorations found a single fish scale imbedded in the ice. After examining it the great scientist from his knowledge of other piscatorial animals concluded that the scale belonged to a fish of the genus.

He set to work with the data at hand and put on paper his conception of the form in which the fish existed. Several years thereafter a fish corresponding to this idea was found.

At another time a scientist of Germany found a bone which he concluded after study was the thigh of a bird hitherto unheard of. From his knowledge of ornithology he pictured his conception of the bird and later on was rewarded by the discovery of a feathered creature that likewise corresponded to his conception.

The lecture was intensely interesting and highly instructive.

Dr. Brinley will deliver an entirely new lecture again to-night, his subject being: The Bible and Evolution or were our Ancestors Monkeys?

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IN FROM TEXAS.

Mr. John W. Powell, a former Pettis county boy came in this morning from his home in Texas. He left here some six years ago for the Lone Star state, and in connection with his brother owns a fine ranch of 6,000 acres, well stocked with cattle, near Pettus, Texas. His parents live in the northern part of the country, and he is here principally on a visit to them.

DROPPED DEAD.

A Clinton, Mo., dispatch of yesterday says: W. C. Kerns of Ft. Scott, Kan., dropped dead in the post office at Calhoun, eleven miles from this city, this morning. He had been canvassing the town, selling maps, and walked into the post office, commenced to write a letter, and fell over dead. He was apparently enjoying good health up to the time he dropped to the floor, and is supposed to have died of heart trouble.

MILES' NERVE AND LIVER PILL.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr. Miles' Pills speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequalled for men, women, children. Small, neat, mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cents. Samples free, at A. T. Fleischmann's.

"RELEASE THAT CHILD!"

Demand Made by a Woman at the Union Depot This Morning.

Item. A long, lank man of 40, leaning against the fence at the Union depot holding with vice like grip, the hand of a child clutched to the bosom of its mother. To the right of them the woman's brother trying by soothing words to pacify her. Close by too stood a little girl weeping as though her heart would break.

Item. Woman swears by all the eternals that she will not surrender the boy—that he is of her blood and bone and that she intended to take him to Knob Noster, her home. Man who clutches the boy's hand expresses himself as being equally determined to make no concession.

Item. A large motley crowd meanders around the comedians. No attention is paid to them. The litigants continue to quarrel in loud and angry voices. Item. A blue coat appears and requests the parties to accompany him. They follow. The man says to the woman: "Beat me in court and I'll be satisfied; otherwise I shall protest against your taking the child away." Woman replies that she will have the child, will or will not. Item. All move off together; the little girl crying, the mother carrying the boy, the man holding the boy's hand, the brother trying to effect a compromise, the policeman trying to quiet the disturbance.

It was a pathetic and a ludicrous sight.

The woman's name is Mrs. Nancy Secman, a widow who resides at Knob Noster. She has three children, one of whom who is the bone of contention, she gave some time ago to Taylor Hall, who resides southeast of Sedalia, to keep for a specified time.

Hall is married, though he has no children of his own. This morning the mother of the child arrived in the city and proceeded at once to the Hall mansion, where she espied her child and clandestinely carried him off.

So soon as Hall became apprised of the circumstances he forthwith went in search of his foster child. The woman was found at the depot and what followed has been related elsewhere.

The woman claims that she never consented to give the child to Hall only for a specified time and says that this has expired.

Hall alleges with equal severity that the child was given him for adoption.

The case will in all probability go to court.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

TRIED TO STRANGLE.

William Walker, the Colored
Murderer, Attempts Suicide
in Jail in Booneville.

Last Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock William Walker, the colored murderer, who escaped from the Howard County Jail a short time ago and was arrested there Thursday attemped suicide in a novel manner in his cell in the County Jail at Booneville. He tore a heavy strip from one of his blankets, placed it about his neck in the form of a slip knot, drew the ends as tightly as his strength would permit, and laid down on his cot to die. McCord, the Sedalia murderer, who is there awaiting trial on a charge of venue, occupies the cell next to Walker's, and hearing the latter's heavy breathing, gave the alarm. When the attendants arrived Walker was well-nigh dead, but was speedily resuscitated. Walker is laboring under the hallucination that a mob from Howard County is after him.

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CENTRAL MISSOURI FAIR CIRCUIT.

At a meeting in St. Joseph recently the Central Missouri Fair Circuit arranged dates for the summer meetings as follows:

Canton—August 2nd to 5th.
Monroe City—August 8th to 12th.
Shelbina—August 17th to 20th.
Macon—August 22nd to 27th.
Hamilton—Aug-29th to Sept. 3rd.
Cameron—Sept. 5th to 10th.
St. Joseph—Sept. 12th to 17th.

Missouri Cheap Lands.

One hundred-fifty thousand acres of rich farm, grazing and mineral lands in Southwest Missouri for sale cheap. For particulars, address Land Agent Frisco line, Roe Building, St. Louis, Mo. 2-1071

SHOT HIMSELF.

Ralph Hyson, a teamster who lives in East Sedalia, at noon to-day came very near ending his career on this mundane sphere. He was unloading a revolver preparatory to oiling, when as he expressed it "the blamed thing went off." A flesh wound in the calf of the leg was the result.

WILL WEAR STRIPES.

Sheriff Thomas O'Connor and Deputy G. W. Munson of Marion county, passed through last night having in custody two negro prisoners consigned to the penitentiary. Each will work out a ten year sentence.

One goes over the road for murder and the other for assault and battery.

THE GREATEST STRIKE.

Among the great strikes that of Dr. Miles in discovering his New Heart Cure has proven itself to be one of the most important. The demand for it has become astonishing. Already the treatment of heart disease is being revolutionized, and many unexpected cures effected. It soon relieves short breath, fluttering, pains in side, arm, shoulder, weak and hungry spells, oppression, swelling of ankles, smothering and heart dropsy. Dr. Miles' book on Heart and Nerve diseases, free. The unequalled New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by A. T. Fleischmann, also his Restorative Nerve for headache, fits, sprees, hot flashes, nervous chills, opium habits, etc.

SCIENTIFIC

Genesis and Geology Contrasted.

Dr. J. B. Brinley of Springfield, Illinois is in the city and preached both night and morning at the Christian church yesterday. His sermon in the morning was said to have been one of the finest discourses delivered in Sedalia for years.

In the evening Dr. Brinley lectured on Genesis and Geology and will conclude to-night.

The lecture was designed to show the consistency between this particular branch of science and the Bible.

Stereopticon views of the Holy land were introduced as a means to illustrate certain points. That he succeeded in most signally refuting the alleged incompatibility between science and the genesis of the universe, was concluded by the most intelligent and the rebuff given the boasted science of infidelity was given a black eye that should silence it forever.

He lectures again to-night and those who are in the least inclined to be skeptical, it will behoove to hear the man.

YOU SHOULD NOT BE WITHOUT IT

Every family is liable to have a hereditary taint of Consumption in it. It may date back 3 or even 4 generations. This fact makes it necessary always to have on hand a remedy with which to combat this formidable disease. A Cough when taken at first can readily be cured before it gets a serious hold on the Lungs. Ballard's Horehound Syrup when taken in its early stages will cure Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of the Throat, Lungs and Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of the Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc. It is pleasant to take, perfectly safe and can always be depended on. Sold by Overstreet & Williams.

AN EARLY SPRING.

But in Many Localities Crops
Will be Short Owing to
Drouth.

Foster, the St. Joe weather prophet, in a recent letter to the Live Stock Indicator, says: "My last letter gave forecasts of the weather for the storm wave, due to cross the continent from the 16th to 21st, and the cool wave, due to cross the continent from 19th to the 23d. The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about the 22d, cross the western mountains by the 23d, the great central valleys from 24th to 26th, and reach the Atlantic states about the 27th.

"This will be an average storm, and its force will begin to rapidly increase on the 27th and 28th, as it moves out onto the Atlantic ocean.

The cool wave following it will cross the western mountains about the 25th, the great central valleys about the 27th, and the Atlantic states about the 29th. It will extend far into the southern states, causing frosts that will do some damage.

An early spring may be expected. March and the first part of April will be very favorable to growing crops. But during the latter season, rainfall will be deficient in many places, so much so that in various localities the crops of 1892 will be short.

A SOUND LIVER MAKES A WELL
MAN.

Are you Bilious, Constipated or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, &c. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. It cures any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75 cents. For sale by Overstreet and Williams.

Tuft's Tiny Pills

To cure constipation purging the bowels should be avoided; it weakens the power of motion. A gentle aperient effect is only required. Tuft's Tiny Liver Pills are prepared with special view to the permanent cure of COSTIVENESS and HEADACHE. They are mild and remain in the system until they act on the liver, cause a natural flow of bile and their tonic properties impart power to the bowels to remove unhealthy accumulations. Good appetite and digestion result from the use of these little pills. Price, 25c. Office, 35 Park Place, N. Y.

SERIES OF ASSAULTS.

The Negro Rapist Thought to be
the Same Who Attacked
Two Other Ladies.

The residence of an aged lady Mrs. Mary Moore, by name, of 1609 South Missouri avenue was entered by a burglar about 9 o'clock last night and the occupant subjected to an outrage that leads to the belief that the perpetrator of this crime and the negro rapist are one and the same.

At the time the burglar entered the house the occupant, Mrs. Moore, was at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. M. W. Watkins, and on her return turned up the light which she had left dimly burning while absent. No sooner had she illuminated the room than she was confronted by a burly black who grasped her by the throat and forcing her to a chair whipped out a horse pistol and told the affrighted woman not to make an outcry at the peril of her life.

On releasing the woman she quickly regained her self-possession and told the burglar that she was afflicted with heart disease and begged the robber to get her a drink of water intending so soon as he entered the kitchen to make her escape.

The brute at first retorted with murderous threats but by fine acting the woman was at length permitted to go for water herself. Then it was she rushed from the kitchen door to a neighbor's and gave the alarm. A vigorous search was at once instituted, but no clue to the robber's whereabouts was discovered.

Mrs. Moore's description of the burglar, who was a negro, corresponds with that given of the rapist.

The same scoundrel, it is thought, later in the evening attacked F. H. Buckley, who, accompanied by Miss Mattie Silker, was walking down Broadway. At the intersection of this avenue with Ohio street they encountered a man who drew a revolver and ordered Buckley to throw up his hands. Buckley refused and stepping into the street picked up a stone to defend himself. By this time the young lady fled but was pursued and knocked down by the black brute who struck her in the head with his pistol, inflicting an ugly wound.

Recovering from his consternation the young lady's chaperon hastened to her rescue, whereupon the negro closed his assault and fled.

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY.

Our enterprising druggist, A. T. Fleischmann, who carries the finest stock of drugs, perfume, toilet articles, brushes, sponges, etc., is giving away a large number of trial bottles of Dr. Miles' celebrated Restorative Nerve. He guarantees it to cure headache, dizziness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, the ill effect of spirits, tobacco, coffee, etc. Druggists say it is the greatest seller they ever knew, and is universally satisfactory. He also guarantees Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure in all cases of nervous or organic heart disease, palpitation, pain in side, smothering, etc. Fine book on "Nervous and Heart Disease," free.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Jno. Wilson, a young man living several miles north of the city, slipped and fell on the sidewalk on the corner of Second and Lamine streets this evening about 1 o'clock and fractured his right arm.

French Tansy Wafers.

These wafers are for the relief and of painful irregularities, and will remove all obstructions. They are safe and save every time. Manufactured by Emerson Drug Co., San Jose, Cal., and for sale at Fleischmann's drug store.

CHEAP LANDS AND HOMES.

The St. Louis & San Francisco railway company offer for sale 150,000 acres of farm, grazing, timber and mineral lands upon cheap and easy terms and in tracts to suit purchasers. These lands are located in the counties of Franklin, Crawford, Phelps, Maries and Pulaski, State of Missouri.

For pamphlet and full particulars, call upon or address F. C. Hoyt, Land Agent, Roe Building, St. Louis, Mo.
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St. Louis, Mo. St. Louis, Mo.
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On March 1st, \$1,200 to \$1,500 to loan on good real estate security at a low rate of interest. Call on or address L. N. Guild, Sedalia, Mo. 2-16-w3t